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SUBJ: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF JERUSALEM'S BOUNDARIES

REF: JERUSALEM 733 DTD SEPT 29, 1972

1. AUGUST 6 PRESS REPORTS JERUSALEM MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK AT PREVIOUS DAY'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING ADVOCATED EXTENSION OF CITY'S BOUNDARIES TO NORTH AND EAST. HIS MOTIVE APPARENTLY TO ENABLE AUTHORITIES TO CONTROL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA, IN PARTICULAR TO PRESERVE AT LEAST PART OF AREA TO NORTH AS PARK AND UNDEVELOPED OPEN LAND. EXTENSION TO EAST WOULD ENCOMPASS INDUSTRIAL SITES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION, IN WHICH MUNICIPALITIES OF JERUSALEM, RAMALLAH, BETHLEHEM AND VILLAGES AROUND JERUSALEM WOULD ALL HAVE VOICE, IN ORDER ENSURE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT TO ADVANTAGE OF ALL CONCERNED.

2. KILLEK SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED INCLUDING WITHIN NEW BOUNDARIES NEBI SAMWIL, SITE OF ISRAELI-DESTROYEF ARAB VILLAGE ABOUT ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF CITY WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF RECENT CONTROVERSY AMONG GOI CABINET MEMBERS. DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN AND OTHERS HAVE URGED FULFILLMENT OF EARLIER ALIGNMENT

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AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JEWISH SETTLEMENT THERE BUT PRIMIN MEIR

AND OTHERS HAVE SO FAR RESISTED. KOLLEK OPPOSES SUCH SETTLEMENT AND HAS CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED ACTION TO PRESERVE "GREEN BELT" AROUND CITY.

3. KOLLEK MADE NO MENTION OF SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF CITY, BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS LAST WEEK OF PLAN TO ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE JEWISH SUBURBS LINKING BETHLEHEM AND JERUSALEM AROUSED IMMEDIATE PROTEST FROM BETHLEHEM MUNICIPALITY.

4. COMMENT: CURRENT PROPOSALS REMINISCENT OF THOSE REPORTED REFTEL. WHILE KOLLEK APPARENTLY MOTIVATED BY URBAN PLANNING CONCERNS, IT INEVITABLE THAT ARABS WILL VIEW ANY FURTHER EXTENSION OF JERUSALEM'S BOUNDARIES, REGARDLESS OF STATED PURPOSE, AS ANOTHER ISRAELI PLOT TO PLACE ADDITIONAL TERRITORY PERMANENTLY UNDER ITS CONTROL.

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